

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement sheet
 Annotated sheet showing changes

REMARKS

Applicants amend claim 1 and add claim 13. Hence, claims 1-13 are pending, of which claim 1 is independent. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims define over the art of record.

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objects to the drawings as failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants amend the drawings to show the feature of a switch lever. No new matter is added. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objects to the specification due to minor informalities. Applicants amend the specification to address the Examiner's concern. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the specification.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,546,416 to Pemberton (hereafter "Pemberton"). Applicants respectfully submit that the Pemberton reference does not teach the limitation of at least one component *of said electric power tool* at least part of which is selfluminous, as recited by amended claim 1. The Pemberton reference merely teaches a flashlight and not an electric power tool. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that the Pemberton reference is non-analogous art and that there is no motivation to combine the Pemberton reference with the other cited prior art references to achieve the claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection to independent claim 1. Dependent claims 2 and 9 also require the limitation of an *electric power tool*. Therefore, dependent claims 2 and 9 also define over the Pemberton reference.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 6, and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-138269 to Hayakawa et al. (hereafter “Hayakawa”) in view of United States Patent No. 6,502,949 to Horiyama et al. (hereafter “Horiyama”). The Examiner further rejects claims 1-4 and 6-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Horiyama reference in view of the Hayakawa reference. Applicants respectfully submit that there is no motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of the Hayakawa reference with the teachings of the Horiyama reference to achieve the claimed invention.

One object of the present invention is to provide an electric power tool with at least one component that remains selfluminous for an extended period after use in low-light environment so as to ensure continued visibility of the tool. The Hayakawa reference presents a solution to a problem regarding how to find an electric power tool that was accidentally left in a poorly illuminated environment. However, as may be seen in the background of the present application, the Hayakawa reference teaches only a method to keep the selfluminous component emitting visible light for a short period of time. The Horiyama reference, on the other hand, is about creating a better adapter for use with an electric power tool. One of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the Hayakawa reference with the Horiyama reference since they are directed to different problems.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims define over the art of record. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the pending claims.

New Claim

Applicants add new claim 13. No new matter is added. Support for the new claims may be found at least at page 5, lines 13-17 of the present application. Claim 13 recites the limitation of the component being a *removable* component capable of storing at least part of the light emitted from the light source and emitting light. Applicants respectfully submit that the Hayakawa reference does not expressly teach or suggest the selfluminous component to be a

removable component. One advantage of the claimed invention is that the removable selfluminous component may be replaced with a new component when it is damaged or the coating of the selfluminous paint, pigment, or material is worn off. Accordingly, claim 13 also define over the art of record.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit herewith a petition for one-month extension of time. Applicants believe no other fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. CTW-028 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Attachments

FIGURE 1

